

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION IN CAPE HENLOPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS PURPOSES**

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held on March 31, 2020, in the Cape Henlopen School District, in the State of Delaware, pursuant to resolutions duly adopted on January 23, 2020, by the Board of Education of said school district in accordance with provisions of Chapter 19 of Title 14 of the Delaware Code. This Special Election will be held in order to permit the voters of said school district to vote for or against the following:

**Section 1:**

To support increased growth and ongoing district operations, the Cape Henlopen School District is seeking authority to levy and collect an additional \$.25 per \$100 of assessed value in local school taxes for current operating expenses as set forth below, effective July 1, 2020 and every year thereafter on all assessed taxable real estate in Cape Henlopen School District to fund operating expenses totaling \$3,085,000.

**Current Operating Expense**

Funds will support programs such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Continued staff retention and recruitment to support the growth of the District.
- Sustaining funding for programs and services for students affected by the state funding cuts including but not limited to, curriculum supplies, textbooks, and classroom technology replacement and upgrades.
- Operating expenses associated with enrollment growth, including but not limited to, the local portion of staff salaries, software and supplies, facility maintenance and supplies, transportation costs, technology support, and ongoing support for utilities and energy.
- Sustain operations affected by reductions in state funding.

Year	Fiscal Year	Amount of Annual Tax Increase to the Prior Year's Current Expense Tax Rate	Total Annual Current Expense Tax Rate Per \$100 of assessed value upon referendum approval
1	FY 2021	\$ 0.25	\$ 2.098
2	FY 2022	\$ -	\$ 2.098
3	FY 2023 and thereafter*	\$ 0.15	\$ 2.248

**\*Approved through the FY 2018 Referendum  
The calculations in the above  
table were prepared without regard to any future referenda that may be pursued by the district**

For a property in the district assessed at \$26,620 (Cape Henlopen School District average assessment), the increased current expense cost to the property owner will be \$64.05 per year or \$5.34 per month related to the proposed \$0.25 increase. Pursuant to the FY2018 referendum, there will also be a \$.15 per \$100 of assessed value increase in FY2023.

### **VOTER INFORMATION**

The polls for said election will be open on March 31, 2020 at 7:00 AM and will remain open until 8:00 PM. United States Citizens eighteen (18) years of age or over who reside within the Cape Henlopen School District at the time of the election shall be eligible to vote (proof of identity and residence is required) whether or not they are at the time registered voters for the purpose of a General Election. Voters may vote at the following designated polling places, which are accessible to the disabled:

Cape Henlopen High School	1250 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958
Rehoboth Elementary School	500 Stockley Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
Mariner Middle School	16391 Harbeson Road, Milton, DE 19968

### **ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION**

You may vote by absentee ballot if you cannot vote on Election Day for one of the following reasons:

- (1) Because you are in the public service of the United States or of this State, or a citizen of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia, or you are such person's spouse or dependent when residing with or accompanying the person, or you are absent from this State because of illness or injury received while serving in the armed forces of the United States; or
- (2) Because you are in the armed forces of the United States or the merchant marine of the United States, or attached to and serving with the armed forces of the United States in the American Red Cross or United Service Organizations; or
- (3) Because of the nature of your business or occupation, including the business or occupation of providing care to your parent, spouse, or child who is living at home and requires constant care due to illness, disability, or injury; or
- (4) Because you are sick or physically disabled; or
- (5) Because you are absent from the district while on vacation; or
- (6) Because you are unable to vote at a certain time or on a certain day due to the tenets or teachings of your religion; or
- (7) Because you are otherwise authorized pursuant to the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) to vote by absentee ballot; or

(8) Because you are otherwise authorized by federal law to vote by absentee ballot.

***To vote by absentee ballot:***

- Absentee ballots can be obtained and submitted in person or by mail.
- Complete an *Affidavit for Absentee Ballot for Public School Elections*, which can be downloaded from [https:// electionssc.delaware.gov/school\\_absentee.shtml](https://electionssc.delaware.gov/school_absentee.shtml), or by email at [absenteesc@delaware.gov](mailto:absenteesc@delaware.gov) or by phone at 302-856-5367.
- Absentee voting in person is available at the Department of Elections, Sussex County Office until noon on Monday, March 30, 2020. If you want an absentee ballot mailed to you, send a completed affidavit to the Department of Elections, Sussex County Office, 119 N. Race Street, P.O. Box 457, Georgetown, DE 19947, or email it to [absenteesc@delaware.gov](mailto:absenteesc@delaware.gov), or fax it to 302-856-5082, so that it arrives no later than 12 noon, Friday, March 27, 2020.
- Additional information regarding absentee voting is found here: <https://elections.delaware.gov/services/voter/absentee/index.shtml>

***Important Dates regarding absentee voting:***

- Vote in person by absentee ballot at the Department of Elections, Sussex County Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Friday March 27, 2020, or from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday, March 30, 2020.
- In order to be counted, voted absentee ballots must be received at the Department of Elections, Sussex County Office, 119 N. Race Street, P.O. Box 457, Georgetown, DE 19947, no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

**PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND ADDRESS**

Persons appearing to vote must present satisfactory proof of identity and address to the Election Officer at the Polling Place before being permitted to vote. Persons who do not present satisfactory proof of identity and address, may- upon majority vote of the Inspector and the two Judges – be permitted to vote.

**Contact Cape Henlopen School District at 302-645-6686 with any questions you may have.**

***The notice of election shall remain posted until the day after the election.***

**BALLOT**  
**CAPE HENLOPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**DATE: March 31, 2020**  
**POLLS OPEN: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

AT ISSUE ADDITIONAL TAX INCREASE

This item asks for your approval for the Cape Henlopen School District to raise local school taxes for current operating expenses by an additional 25 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2020 and thereafter.

For a property in the District assessed at a value of \$25,620 (Cape Henlopen School District average assessment) the increased current expense cost to the homeowner will be \$64.05 per year.

This increase will provide funding for programs such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Continued staff retention and recruitment to support the growth of the District.
- Sustaining funding for programs and services for students affected by the state funding cuts including but not limited to, curriculum supplies, textbooks, and classroom technology replacement and upgrades.
- Operating expenses associated with enrollment growth, including but not limited to, the local portion of staff salaries, software and supplies, facility maintenance and supplies, transportation costs, technology support, and ongoing support for utilities and energy.
- Sustain operations affected by reductions in state funding.

SEE TAX TABLES ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS BALLOT

**FOR**

**AGAINST**

**MARK AN "X" IN THE SQUARE TO THE RIGHT OF THE ABOVE QUESTION TO CAST YOUR VOTE.**

YEAR	FISCAL YEAR (DUE 9/30)	TAX RATE	ADDITIONAL TAX RATE	TOTAL PROJECTED TAX
	Current	FY 2020	\$ 1.848	\$ - \$ 1.848
	1	FY 2021	\$ 1.848	\$ 0.250 \$ 2.098
	2	FY 2022	\$ 2.098	\$ - \$ 2.098
	3	FY 2023	\$ 2.098	\$ 0.150 \$ 2.248
	4	FY 2024	\$ 2.248	\$ - \$ 2.248
	5	FY 2025	\$ 2.248	\$ - \$ 2.248
<b>ASSUMPTIONS USED IN THE ABOVE CALCULATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:</b>				
	Assumes \$.25 Current Expense rate increase in FY 2021			
	Prior Referendum Approved \$.15 Current Expense rate increase in FY 2023			
	Current Expense tax rate increases must be approved by referendum			